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C O N F I D E N T I A L DACCA 4509

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, KN, KS, US  
SUBJECT: BANGLADESH REACTION TO PANMUNJOM INCIDENT

REF: STATE 211862

1. THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE REACTION IN BANGLADESH TO THE PANMUNJOM INCIDENT. ALTHOUGH THE DACCA PRESS CARRIED FRONT-PAGE NEWS STORIES TAKEN DIRECTLY FROM REUTERS, UPI AND AFP FILES, THE INCIDENT WAS NOT GIVEN PROMINENCE. OF GREATER IMPORTANCE TO THE LOCAL PRESS WAS THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN COLOMBO, WHICH RECEIVED THE MAJOR HEADLINES AND COMMENT.

2. THE TWO ENGLISH-LANGUAGE DAILIES DID NOT COMMENT ON THE ISSUE. HOWEVER, TWO BENGALI-LANGUAGE EDITORIALS APPEARED, ONE IN ITTEFAQ, THE LARGEST, MODERATE AND MOST INFLUENTIAL VERNACULAR DAILY, AND ANOTHER IN SANGBAD, A LEFT-LEANING PAPER. BOTH EDITORIALS WERE MODERATE, NEITHER CONDEMNING NORTH KOREA NOR AUTOMATICALLY BLAMING THE US. BOTH EDITORIALS COUNSELED RESTRAINT AND POINTED OUT THAT ALL COUNTRIES WOULD LOSE IF WAR OCCURRED. SANGBAD, IN A SURPRISINGLY MODERATE TONE, SUGGESTED THAT ULTIMATELY THE US WOULD BE RESTRAINED BY ITS VIETNAM EXPERIENCE, THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN AND ITS CURRENTLY FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP  
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WITH THE PRC.

3. COMMENT. THE BDG, WHICH MAINTAINS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA, DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE AN INFORMED OPINION ON THE KOREAN INCIDENT AND WE ARE UNAWARE OF ANY COMMENTS BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. WE BELIEVE IT UNLIKELY THAT THIS INCIDENT WILL AFFECT BDG POSITION AT UN, WHICH WILL CONTINUE TO BE ONE OF AVOIDING OFFENSE TO EITHER SIDE.  
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